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Reply To
Attn Of: ECL-113

January 22, 2002

Mr. Mark Frei, Acting Manager
U.S. Department of Energy
Idaho Operations Office
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Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

Re: Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order ("FFA/CO") Inspection of the Idaho
National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory ("INEEL") in Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Mr. Frei:

Please let this letter serve to inform you that we at the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("IDEQ") will be performing an inspection of your site to evaluate compliance with the terms of the December 1991, Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFA/CO). Our inspection is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 28, 2002.

You will be receiving an official notification and document request from Michael Gearheard, but we wanted to take this opportunity to express our support that this inspection proceed unimpeded. It has been over a decade since the FFA/CO was signed and this is our first joint compliance inspection. In addition to identifying potential areas of non-compliance, we hope that the results of our inspection will provide INEEL with an opportunity to strengthen its remedial action program under the FFA/CO.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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